

**MINUTES OF THE
TOWN COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

ITEM 1 CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Poole called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

ITEM 2 ROLL CALL

Those present were Council Member Bassler, Council Member Lynch, Council Member Cockburn and Mayor Poole.

ITEM 3 INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.

Mayor Poole led both.

ITEM 4 OPEN FORUM

No one signed up to speak.

ITEM 5 CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Bassler moved to approve the October 5, 2020 minutes, the February 10., 2020 minutes and the October 2020 Financial Statement. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Bassler, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 6 PRESENTATIONS OF STAFF REPORTS.

Gary Morris reported that the drainage and ballfield projects are coming right along. Robert Genova reported that the PD made an arrest on a fugitive warrant for fraud. He also reported that he is beginning work on the parking ordinance. Andres Economedes reported for the PVFD that there were 329 total incidents year to date and that month to date incidents were down by 14 from 2019.

ITEM 7 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPOINTING JERROD PICKERING TO THE LIBRARY BOARD.

Council Member Cockburn moved to appoint Jerrod Pickering to the Library Board. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Bassler, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 8 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE 20-16, FENCE REGULATIONS.

Council Member Lynch moved to approve Ordinance 20-16. Motion seconded by Council Member Bassler. Ayes: Council Member Bassler, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 9 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT FOR NEW ELECTRICITY RATES.

Council Member Bassler moved to approve the proposed rates from TXU. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Bassler, Council Member Lynch and Council

Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 10 CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY PLAT AS AMENDED BY CASTLEROCK SURVEYING, PLLC, JUSTIN, TX.

Council Member Bassler moved to approve the Preliminary Plant. Motion seconded by Council Member Lynch. Ayes: Council Member Bassler, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 11 CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE APPROVAL OF A PRELIMINARY PLAT OF LOT 1 BLOCK A PONDER ISD HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION, DATED OCTOBER 8, 2020 BY RLK ENGINEERING, INC., ALLEN, TX AND SURDUKAN SURVEYING INC., ANNA TX.

Council Member Lynch moved to approve the preliminary plant of Ponder ISD High School Addition, subject to the Engineers recommendations be resolved. Motion seconded by Council Member Bassler. Ayes: Council Member Bassler, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

ITEM 12 PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPERTY ON SEABORN ROAD.

No one showed up to speak.

ITEM 13 PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE DISCUSSION RELATIVE TO AQUA TEXAS PURCHASING WATER FROM THE TOWN OF PONDER.

Steve Dunnahue, a manager with Aqua Texas proposed to partner with the Town of Ponder to get water from the Upper Trinity Regional Water District. He stated that Aqua Texas would like to begin negotiations with Town Staff to purchase water.

ITEM 14 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA.

Robert Genova - Ordinances

ITEM 14 ADJOURN.

Council Member Lynch moved to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Motion seconded by Council Member Bassler. Ayes: Council Member Bassler, Council Member Lynch and Council Member Cockburn. Nays: None. Abstentions: None. Motion passed with 3 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.

APPROVED:

Matthew Poole, Mayor

Date

ATTEST:

Sheri N. Clearman, Town Secretary